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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable John Hoeven
Governor, State of North Dakota
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 101
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

Dear Governor Hoeven:

I am pleased that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have forged a new level of cooperation in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Governor Huckabee and myself in December of last year. As a former Governor, I clearly see the benefits that can be achieved by creating a joint Task Force that provides better communication and collaboration between the states and federal government.

In response to your letter dated February 14, 2003, I am appointing Richard Greene, the newly appointed Regional Administrator for Region 6 in Dallas, Texas, as EPA's official liaison to the IOGCC. As such, he will represent EPA at all official IOGCC meetings. Richard is an ideal person to serve in this role since his region includes several of the nation's most active oil and gas producing states. Robbie Roberts, Regional Administrator for Region 8 in Denver, Colorado, will serve as EPA's alternate representative.

To further carry out the requirements of the MOU and enhance communication and the exchange of information, I am appointing the following individuals to the EPA/IOGCC Task Force. Please note that although these individuals will be EPA's formal representatives, other EPA offices in Washington, D.C., and in the regions are fully engaged in on-going discussions and will support the work of the Task Force as required.

Richard Greene, Regional Administrator, Region 6
Robbie Roberts, Regional Administrator, Region 8
John Iani, Regional Administrator, Region 10
Tracy Mehan, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
Marianne Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
Dona DeLeon, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Intergovernmental Relations

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I look forward to working with you as the new Chairman of the IOGCC and other member Governors in protecting and developing the states' oil and gas resources, avoiding waste of those resources, and protecting the environment. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or have your staff call Dona DeLeon, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-7178.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Whitman", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Christine Todd Whitman